



RESPONSE
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1711
PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q66991

Hiroaki TAKAHATA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/987,163

Group Art Unit: 1711

Confirmation No.: 6425

Examiner: Travis B. Ribar

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### **RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith, a petition and fee to extend the time period for reply to the Office Action dated December 26, 2002, to June 26, 2003. Please consider the following remarks regarding the above-identified application.

# <u>REMARKS</u>

## I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

### A. Winter in view of Charrier

In paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Winter in view of Charrier.